

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Small businesses can qualify for no-collateral loans during week-long event

Loans from \$5,000 to \$50,000 are the focus of Troy University Small Business Development Center's five-day start-up and small businesses conference. The event will be from 3 p.m. until 7 p.m. May 9–May 13 on the second floor of Adams Hall on the Dothan campus.

Working in conjunction with the Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce, Troy University Continuing Education Center and Senior World of Dothan, business owners can apply for no-collateral, Small Business Administration loans. Small business and start-up business owners can apply for up to \$25,000 in unsecured loans, and existing businesses in business for at least two years can apply on-line for unsecured loans of up to \$50,000.

Using the Community Express program, start-up and existing businesses applicants can

apply for unsecured loans up to \$25,000. This program requires the clients to receive business counseling from a technical assistance provider (TAP) before approved loans are disbursed. The counseling is free and is provided by the Troy SBD.

Using the SBAExpress program, existing businesses can apply on-line for unsecured loans up to \$50,000. A dedicated computer will be setup so applicants can come in and apply on-line for these loans.

"I'm very excited about these new programs and the participation of our lending partners and resource partners," says Michael Ricks, Alabama SBA Director. "We now can offer applicants tools that can provide access to capital. These new products and technology provide these services to the citizens of Alabama in a timelier

manner."

For more information concerning applying for SBA loans, contact the SBA District Office at (205) 290-7101, visit their website [www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov) or contact our local resource partner, Troy University Small Business Development Center at (334) 670-3771.

### NOTICE:

Home Grounds & Landscape Workshop will be held at the Coffee County Farm Center in New Brockton, on Wednesday, May 11 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. Topics will include: Container Gardening, Fertilizing Your Lawn, Fire Ant Management and Landscape Design.

If interested in workshop RSVP by May 9 at 894-5596.

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brother's tractor-trailer to get stuck the day of Easter.

Tritt reported there was an accident one weekend recently in which a 4-wheel drive vehi-

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those areas not previously offered service by any other water system.

The total budget for this project is \$3.685 million and over 90 miles of water mains will be constructed in the project area.

Lott said Phase II of the expansion project should be completed by June 2006, and he said everyone involved with the Coffee County Water Authority appreciates all the support received by the Coffee County Commission and the residents of Coffee County.

cle had to be pulled out.

"This is not safe," Tritt said. "County Road 537 is a speedway. There have been several people run off the road."

Tritt asked commissioners what was going to be done about the problem.

Commissioner Bernest Brooks said he and county engineer Randy Tindell looked at the road (shoulder), and according to their observation, he said it did not appear that damaging.

He said he does not view the road's condition to be as hazardous as Tritt had described.

While looking at pictures Tritt provided from the day her brother's tractor-trailer, got stuck, commission chairman Doug Dalrymple reminded everyone it was extremely wet Easter weekend because of heavy rains that moved through the area. He said the shoulders

of the roads are not designed to handle such vehicles as a tractor-trailer when wet.

Tindell said the recent work done by the county highway department was to prevent excessive erosion on the road.

He said the soil was just saturated especially in the soft areas the weekend in question.

"I wish we had the benefit of the pictures before the work we did," Tindell said. "We are a county road crew. We are not supposed to do."

He said the work was a routine maintenance procedure the county does on several of its roads a few times per year to prevent erosion.

"I don't know what else we could have done," Tindell said. Tritt insisted her brother could safely drive on the shoulder whether it was raining or not prior to the work the county did.



Senator Jimmy Holley and Representative Terry Spicer are shown presenting checks (2) totaling \$125,000 in FEMA funds relating to the Hurricane Ivan Disaster. Pictured from Left to Right: Senator Jimmy Holley; County Administrator Wilton Mobley; EMA Director John Tallas; Representative Terry Spicer; and Asst. EMA Director Larry Walker.

## Holley and Spicer announce recreational grant for Enterprise

State Senator Jimmy Holley and State Representative Terry Spicer announced today that the City of Enterprise has been awarded a \$78,385 recreational grant from the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs.

The money is to be used for construction of a suspended wood framed boardwalk to access and observe the wetland

area in the upper reaches of the lake in Enterprise Recreational Complex.

"I'd like to thank Mayor Kenneth Boswell, the city council, and the employees of the recreational department for all they do to enhance the recreational opportunities for the citizens of this area," said Spicer.

"This project will enhance the Recreational Complex and provide residents of not only Enterprise but surrounding areas with an improved recreational facility."

"We appreciate the efforts of ADECA Director John Harrison and his staff in obtaining and releasing this grant to the City of Enterprise," said Holley. This new boardwalk will be a welcomed addition to the complex.

## Wiregrass natives influence original theatrical production

Wiregrass natives will have a strong influence on Conecuh People, an original theatrical production, when it is performed in Union Springs this April and May.

Margie Benson, a veteran of community theatre, directs the play which stars Ozark residents Kate Garner and Ada Christian. The original musical score was composed by Jeff Pate, the Music Minister at First Presbyterian Church of Enterprise, who also studied under Benson in high school. The haunting melodies of Pate's original songs will linger in your mind long after leaving Conecuh People.

This spring the community of

Union Springs, Ala. will offer the opportunity to take a trip back in time and experience life the way it used to be. Conecuh People, the Experience, centered around the same tradition of years gone by. Overnight accommodations complete with a Southern breakfast will be available at hunting lodges located near Union Springs.

The event takes place Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, April 28, 29, and 30, and May 5, 6, and 7, 2005. Prices range from \$10 (play only) - \$105 (depending on the package purchased. For information and tickets, contact [conecuhpeople@knology.net](mailto:conecuhpeople@knology.net) or (334) 738-8687.

The play will be staged at The Red Door Theatre located in

Trinity Welcome Center, a former Episcopal Church built in 1909. An old-fashioned dinner will be prepared and served by ladies of the community at a nearby church in the same tradition of years gone by. Overnight accommodations complete with a Southern breakfast will be available at hunting lodges located near Union Springs.

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## Freddy Hanchey named chief of police for City of Elba

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council named long time policeman, Lt. Freddy Hanchey as chief of the police department. Hanchey had been serving as acting chief since the sudden resignation last month of former chief, R. W. (Ronnie) Whitworth. Hanchey previously headed the department in the early 1990s. That stint as chief ended with the change of

administrations. He was fired from the department and only reinstated as a lieutenant after a lawsuit and a lengthy, emotional and often heated, court battle.

The vote Monday evening was 3-2, with Councilman Mike McKee absent, due to a family illness. Voting for Hanchey were council members David Banstra, Harold Spicer and Mayor James Grimes. Opposing the action were council mem-

bers Tom Hooks and Ronnie Hammond.

Hammond expressed his respect for Hanchey, but noted the position had been advertised requiring the person selected to live within the Elba City limits, something Hanchey has said he could not do. The new chief lives 2.12 miles outside the Elba city limits. Grimes added that the city council had the authority to waive that requirement.

The mayor explained that at the request of council members he and the city clerk had reinterviewed the top two candidates for the chief's position. He said this had resulted in some additional information, but not enough to cause him to change his recommendation to hire Freddy Hanchey.

In related action the council also followed a recommendation from the mayor and voted a pay increase for all city employees. He said there has not been an across the board pay raise since 2001, in spite of continuously rising living costs.

Police department employees will get a \$1.00 per hour step increase and all other employees will get a 50¢ per hour increase.

The raise is effective with the first pay check in June. Mayor Grimes told council members that an increasing rate of

turnover of employees was costing the city extra money and that many of the workers leaving were getting higher pay for comparable jobs.

The full year cost of this pay raise to the city will be about \$100,000.00. Grimes said there is a total of 81 hourly employees getting the pay raise, 22 in the police department and a total of 59 in all other departments. However, the mayor noted it would only be in effect for four months during the current fiscal year, which ends on

September 30th. Some of the police salary increases will be offset by permanently eliminating the position of lieutenant being vacated by Hanchey.

The council unanimously agreed to an appraised purchase price of \$67,875 for 23.77 acres of land the city has agreed to purchase from the Alabama Department of Transportation. The land is across from the Elba Work Release Center, where the dog pound was constructed last year. The balance of the property will be used for various city needs and will be available for future industrial development.

The long term contract with Elba Hydroelectric Power Inc., which owns and operates the old Pea River power dam south of town, was amended at the request of the owners. The original contract called for a graduated gross receipts tax on all power generated. The rates

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## Commission supports ZC Senior Center project

by Linda Hodge, Editor

On behalf of the Alabama Department of Revenue, Burns announced that the county recently received a grant check in the amount of \$62,235.20 from the National Geodetic Survey (NGS), a division of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Commissioner Ronnie Burns came to the Coffee County Commission meeting Monday morning, April 25, with good news along with the funds to support that news.

He thanked Congressman Terry Everett and Senators Jeff Sessions and Richard Shelby for helping the county receive these grant funds.

Commissioners also heard from Mr. T. J. Blue during Monday's meeting as she said a recent article in the newspaper led her to come before the group and discuss a possible public transportation program.

Blue said she worked in the field of transportation for much of her career and felt compelled to come speak on transportation.

She mentioned a few things she thinks it will take to make a public transportation program work in Coffee County. She said the county needs to know schedules, bus routes and needs to have fares established.

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(NOAA), for implementing a Height Modernization Program in Alabama.

Burns said the funds will be applied to the cost of the digital orthophotography system. He said the remaining cost of this purchase can be paid from the county's appraisal and mapping budget.

"Please keep in mind that these funds are subject to audit to ensure they are being used as Congress intended," Burns added.

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## Concerned citizens support safety improvements for intersection

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Concern spread through the Coffee County community near the intersection of Alabama Highway 134 and County roads 545 and 603 last week after a two-vehicle car accident claimed the life of one county resident and injured two others.

According to Alabama State Troopers, a two-vehicle accident occurred at the intersection around 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 19, when a vehicle driven by Billy Samuel Pulliam, age 18, of Elba collided with a vehicle driven by Margie Reeves Windham, age 75, of Elba. Pulliam was injured and Windham was seriously injured; however, a passenger in Windham's vehicle was fatally injured.

Evelyn Purvis, age 78, of New Brockton, died as a result of injuries she sustained from the accident.

As word of the accident spread, residents living near the intersection were filled with concern regarding the intersection they have long considered to be extremely dangerous.

Margie Harrison, a resident of County Road 603, said she and her husband, James, have lived next to the intersection for 32 years and they have seen plenty of accidents and deaths. This even more near accidents.

This latest tragedy led Harrison to try and do something to keep others from suffering like those affected by last week's accident.

Harrison and other concerned citizens of the community decided to begin a petition asking local and state officials to help make the intersection of Hwy. 134 and County roads 545 and 603 a safer place to travel.

The petition reads as follows: The following citizens of Alabama do hereby petition Governor Bob Riley and all

elected state and county officials in reference to the intersection of State Highway 134, County Road 603, and County Road 545 (located in Coffee County six miles west of Enterprise) to have a caution light erected as well as caution signs, speed bumps

and much needed road work.

request requires immediate attention due to the numerous traffic fatalities at this extremely dangerous intersection. The most recent fatality occurred on 4-19-05. This intersection is hard to see from all four angles whether you are coming up to the intersection or trying to get out onto State Highway 134 from one of the county roads. It is almost impossible to see oncoming traffic while trying to

turn onto the state highway and the stop signs on the county roads are not noticeable until you have already approached them. There have been numerous accidents and several fatalities at this intersection. The following people who have signed this petition ask that immediate action be taken to help insure

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## Girl Scout Troop #300 enjoys "special" Spring Tea



Pat Williams of Enterprise, who designed and created all the floral arrangements, poses with Kristen Barnes and Lyndsay Lawford, seniors. The troop recognized Pat for all her hard work and called her a "true Southern Lady and a real mentor."



Senior Cassy Cooper and her mother, Michele Macon, visit with senior Kristi Spinks.



Schwanna Wright prepares to serve tea from the silver service placed on the table before her. The junior class members were responsible for the serving of all refreshments.



A note of elegance was added to the day by the music of bandmaster Tom Maddox, his sons Justin and Evan, along with Brianna Bailey, Casey Medlock and Elizabeth Weeks. Tom's wife Alice was a charter member of the troop and his daughter Anna also belonged.

From the day in early fall when "Southern Lady" magazine editors said they were interested in coming to Elba to do a story on Senior Girl Scout Troop 300's Spring Tea until the day in April when they finally arrived, everyone involved with the troop was excited. They all wanted to be sure they were deserving of the honor paid them.

And the day was a great success! On a perfect spring Sunday, The Olde South Inn was splendid, polished and glowing - a lady ready for her guests. On the wide porch, young musicians performed, the sound of their music welcoming the arriving guests. In front of the Inn, a police cruiser with blue lights flashing and two of Elba's finest held up traffic so the ladies could cross the street safely.

Inside the reception rooms purple iris, white calla lilies, yellow enchantment lilies and pink tulips provided a magnificent background for the 38 young ladies of Senior Troop #300. Nestled among the blooms were hand painted, gold band China tea sets, demitasse cups and elegant monogrammed pitchers.

The 12 seniors being honored stood with their mothers and other family members to greet the several hundred ladies who called. It was a day to remember.

Ms. Kathy Bowers, editor of "Southern Lady" said the article would probably run next spring.



Kayla Kelley, junior, is confident she can preside over the silver service with poise. Pouring tea, smiling and making intelligent conversation all at the same time is not easy, but the junior troop members were up to the task.



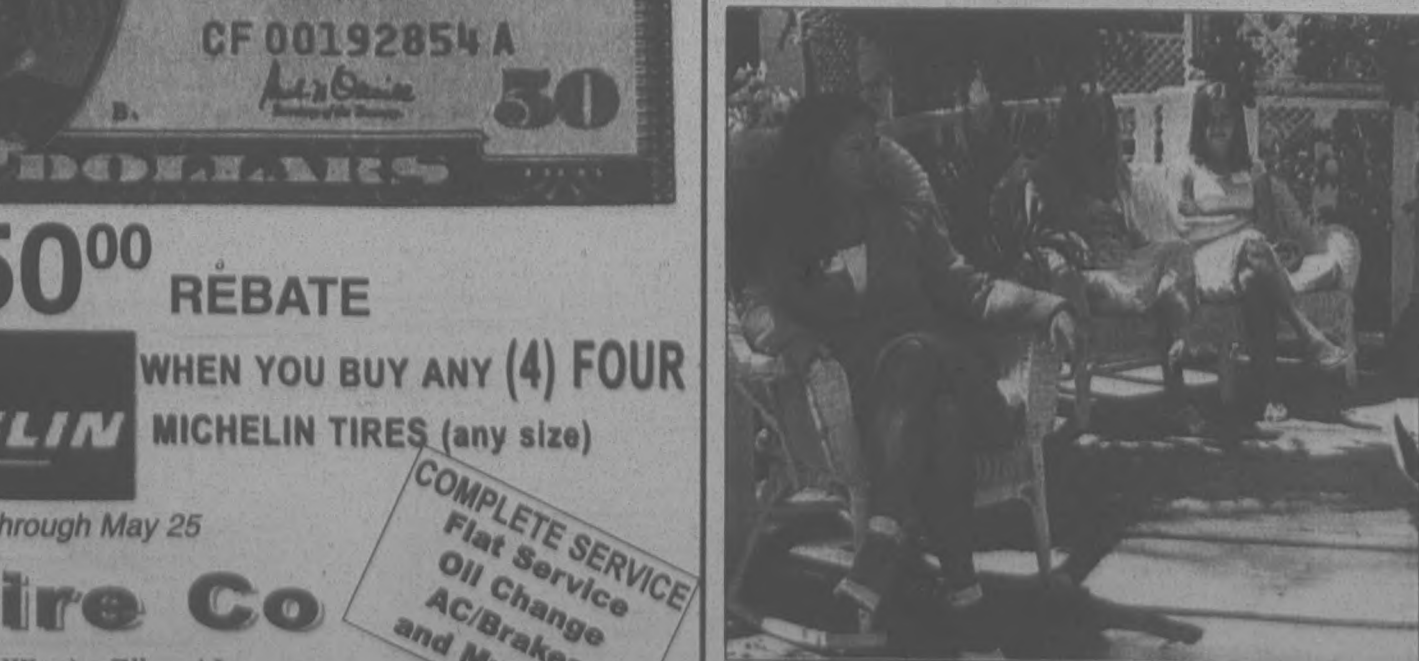
Senior Girl Scout Troop #300 presents its outstanding seniors for 2005. They are: (front row, l to r) Mallory Allen, Kristen Barnes, president Lyndsay Lawford, treasurer Jennifer Grissett and secretary Cameron Irwin; (back row, l to r) Kristi Spinks, Anna Harrison, Jennifer Waters, Ashton Grimes, Allison Brunson and Alison Smith. Not pictured is Cassy Cooper.



Whitney Lawford, presentation ceremony chairman, speaks to the troop seniors before they are given their flowers. Matt Jameson, "Southern Lady" photographer, on the right, records the event.



Sophomore Haley Stinson found the petit fours too good to resist. The sophomores acted as hostesses in the reception rooms.



"Southern Lady" editor Kathy Bowers takes notes for her story on Troop 300 while photographer Matt Jameson talks to Jim Hughes. The editorial staff started working at Noon and continued throughout the afternoon. Matt commented that he wished he'd brought his two teenage sons with him - he'd never seen such beautiful girls.

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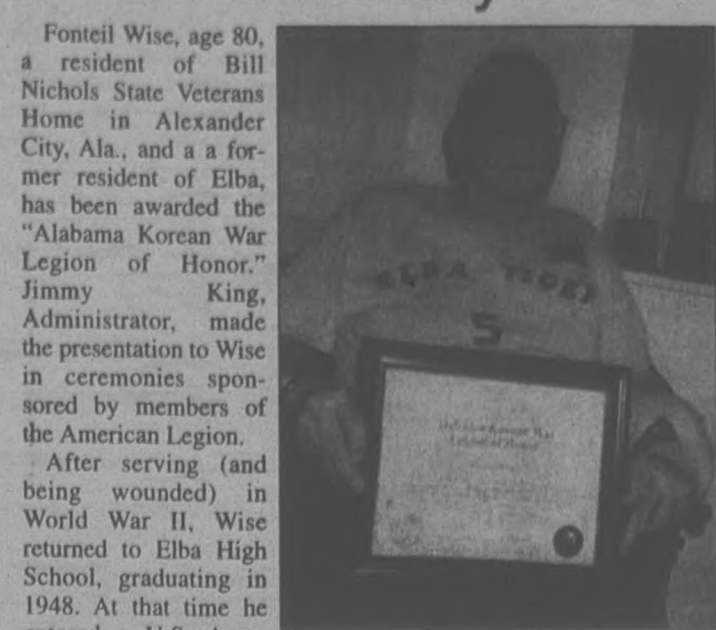
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The combination of lovely spring weather, a cozy arrangement of wicker furniture, floral cushions and lush ferns provided a brief respite for Gale Olson, Sydney Brunson and Whitley Kilcrease.

## Former Elba resident receives military award



Fontell Wise, Rucker, AL, from where he was chosen to enter Chemical, Biological and Radioactivity School. He was later sent to Yokohama, Japan, and then to Korea where he was wounded December 1951 at Kampo USAF Base, Korea. Then shortly Sgt. Wise returned home to the USA.

His extensive education had been received from both civilian and military schools. Sgt. Wise and Catherine were married, and became the parents of four children: Leonard, Gary, Joey, and Benny.

## Z.C. band to host "Miss Sound of Music" pageant

The Zion Chapel School Band will host the "Miss Sound of Music" Beauty Pageant on Friday, April 29, at 7 p.m. at the High School Auditorium.

Categories include age 2 years to grade 12th. Winners will receive a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond, crown, banner, flowers, and will reign over the festivities for Band Day on May 14th.

For more information, contact Ginger Vinson at 334-897-2379.

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### EVELYN REEVES PURVIS

Mrs. Evelyn Reeves Purvis, age 78, of New Brockton, Ala., died Tuesday, April 19, 2005.

Funeral services were held April 21, 2005 at Damascus Baptist Church with Rev. Hollis Bradley and Rev. Faron Golden officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery with Seary Funeral Home directing.

Mrs. Purvis was preceded in death by her parents, Sam and Ethyl Reeves; a sister, Ruth Moore; and two brothers, Marvin and Ray Reeves. Survivors include her husband: Odus Purvis, New Brockton; two daughters: Jane (Richard) Woodham, Enterprise, Ala.; Peggy Stokes, New Brockton; four sons: Michael (Karen) Purvis, Enterprise; Freddie (Janet) Purvis, Steve Purvis and Ricky (Amy) Purvis, all of New Brockton; two sisters: Dot Kelley and Margie Windham, both of New Brockton; one brother: Jim Reeves, New Brockton; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

### J.C. LEWIS

Mr. J.C. Lewis, age 76, of Elba, Ala., died Saturday, April 23, 2005 at his residence.

Funeral services were held April 26, 2005 at Westside Baptist Church with Reverend Bobby Holladay and Reverend Amos Grayson officiating. Burial followed in Evergreen Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Survivors include his wife: Margaret M. Lewis, Elba; two daughters: Kay Farris, Elba, Janna Walker, Brantley, Ala.; two sons: Mike Lewis, Elba, Stan Lewis, Mobile, Ala.; one sister: Elva Price, Troy, Ala.; and seven grandchildren.

### JOHNNY B. HARDEN

Mr. Johnny B. Harden, age 72, formerly of Elba, Ala., died April 19, 2005 in his home at Riverview, Fla.

Funeral services were held April 23, 2005 at Lewers Funeral Home in Ruskin, Fla. In lieu of flowers, those who wish may make donations in his memory, c/o Cynthia Harden, P.O. Box 3265 Apollo Beach, Fla. 33572. All proceeds will be divided between Maranatha Church of God and LifePath Hospice.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Oliver and Mennie Ola Harden, and a sister, Agnes Mack.

Survivors include his wife: Cynthia Harden, Riverview; a son: Dennis Harden, Riverview; his brothers: James Harden, Opp, Ala., Charles Harden, Elba; his sisters: Inez Watson,

Winter Haven, Fla., Martha Wilson, Geneva, Ala., and Bertha Ellis, Elba.

### BILLY MORRIS DAVIS

Mr. Billy Morris Davis, age 75, of Elba, Ala., died Monday, April 25, 2005 at his residence in Elba.

Funeral services were held April 27, 2005 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Roger Miller and Rev. Bruce Williams officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery, Elba, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

The Davis family request that

contributions be made to The Wilson, Geneva, Ala., and Bertha Ellis, Elba.

Survivors include his wife: Ann Harris Davis, Elba; two sons: Billy Morris (wife, Tammy) Davis Jr. and Stephen Harris (wife, Camille) Davis, both of Elba; two brothers: Roy Frank (wife, Betty) Davis, Elba, Wallace Byron (wife, Jeanette) Davis, Wicksburg, Ala.; two sisters: Imogene D. (husband, M.V.) Stokes, Andalusia, Ala., Linda D. (husband, Jimmy) Stricklin, Chancellor, Ala.; and four grandchildren.

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# FOCUS ON FACTS

## MANDATE TO KILL

In 1915, World War I had engulfed the countries of Europe. On April 24, news reached Constantinople (Istanbul) that a battle was raging in the eastern Turkish town of Van, where the Armenian residents were fighting Turkish security forces.

Acting on orders from the Minister of the Interior, police fanned out across Constantinople and arrested two hundred people whom the government claimed were security risks. All two hundred were Armenians; a group of Turks the government identified as threatening the Turkish war effort.

The government's plan, hatched in late 1914, was working. Less than four months earlier, the Interior Minister had issued "The Ten Commandments." The document, which remained secret until after World War I, detailed a plan to exterminate all Armenian Turks. Among the instructions were orders to:

1. ... close all Armenian Societies, and arrest all who worked against Government at any time ... send them into the provinces ... and wipe them out either on the road or there.
2. Excite Moslem opinion by suitable and special means ... [in] point of fact the Armenians have already won the hatred of the Moslems ... provoke organized massacres as the Russians did at Baku.
3. Apply measures to exterminate all males under 50, priests and teachers, leave girls and children to be Islamized.

In early 1915, the government began publishing stories of Armenian treachery. By April, most Moslem Turks saw Armenian Turks as traitors. Across the country, government sanctioned terror squads began slaughtering Armenian men. Surviving women and children who refused to accept Islam were banished to the eastern desert, where thousands more died.

Although Great Britain, France, the United States, and Germany objected, they could do little. With World War I raging, no nation had the resources to do anything other than voice its objections.

During one meeting, the American ambassador, Henry Morgenthau, tried reasoning with Talaat, the Minister of the Interior. According to his notes:

Ambassador Morgenthau: Suppose a few Armenians did betray you. Is that a reason for destroying a whole race? Is that an excuse for making innocent women and children suffer?

Talaat: "Those things I had hoped to avoid."

In July 1916, the German ambassador cabled his government: In its attempt to carry out its purpose to resolve the Armenian question by the destruction of the Armenian race, the Turkish government has refused to be deterred neither by our representations, nor by those of the American Embassy, nor by the delegate of the Pope, nor by the threats of the Allied Powers, nor in deference to the public opinion of the West representing one-half of the world.

Telegram from the German ambassador to the German Chancellor - July 10, 1916

Find out the rest of the story. Take the Web Journey. Next Week: The Trial That Started as a Publicity Stunt.

## IT HAPPENED THIS WEEK!

A reproduction of the ship, Through the State of Maryland.

On April 28, 1787, while sailing in the South Pacific, first mate Fletcher Christian and most of the forty-five-member crew took over their British ship. After setting Captain William Bligh and eighteen loyal crewmembers adrift, the mutineers sailed to Tahiti. A dozen native women joined them, and the group sailed to remote Pitcairn Island, where they established a colony. What was the name of the ship on which the mutiny occurred?

Do you need to find the answer, or get more information? Go to <http://tinyurl.com/dahdb>

## ALABAMA FAST FACT

On May 3, 1963, Birmingham became the scene of an ugly confrontation. Police commissioner Eugene "Bull" Connor, ordered city police to use dogs and fire hoses to quell a peaceful civil rights demonstration led by Martin Luther King and Fred Shuttlesworth. As images of dogs attacking demonstrators flashed around the world, the outrage left in Birmingham and elsewhere became a catalyst that helped spur the passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. Find out more about "Bull" Connor at <http://tinyurl.com/at9a2>

## THE WEB JOURNEY

**Ambassador Morgenthau's Story**  
Henry Morgenthau served as American ambassador to Turkey from 1913 to 1916. In that position, he received numerous eyewitness reports of the atrocities occurring against the Armenians. Upon returning to the United States, he wrote this book, which was published in 1918. It tells the story of the Armenian genocide.

Web Address: <http://tinyurl.com/b5dap>

**Armenian National Institute**  
This resource, compiled by the Washington based Armenian National Institute, includes primary source materials about the 1915 genocide. It includes original photographs, American State Department telegrams, and archival material from the British and American National Archives. Also included are a chronology of events, background articles, and encyclopedia entries.

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**WWW Virtual Library - Armenian History**  
This resource includes links to resources in Armenian history, the Armenian genocide of 1915, and other aspects of Armenian cultural, political, and scientific history. It is part of the WWW Virtual Library, a directory of Internet resources maintained by a worldwide network of volunteer academics and other subject experts.

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## EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS  
with Ferrin Cox

Actress Jane Fonda has been on the talk show circuit recently with what has been described as "half-hearted" apologies for her trip to Vietnam, which earned her the nickname of "Hanoi Jane". It is obvious that there is still a lot of strong resentment aimed at her, not only for the trip but for her words and reported actions during the wartime visit with the enemy. Many Americans were not in that war but can still relate to the feelings of those who were there. Hopefully we would never spit on Jane Fonda, yet neither do we personally feel ill will towards the Vietnam veteran in California who did just that last week. A person can only guess, but suspect there were a lot of folks stepping up to pay any disorderly conduct fine lodged against this man who has strong, deep seated feelings . . . after all he was sent to defend this country and then got spit on himself getting off the boat upon return from Nam.

Our friend Henry Rayborn, or Junior, always has time to exchange a few words of wisdom. Sometimes it is from his vast store of Church and Bible wisdom, sometimes it is family and other times the talk is less serious. You judge which category the following goes into. Here he comes with a big catfish caught at the Coffee County Lake . . . with his trademark grin spread even wider. After the traditional picture taking he adds, "If you see a Rayborn leaving a fishing place and he tells you he didn't catch any fish, you don't even need to unload your boat . . . you won't catch anything either!" Now how is that for being cocky, and all because of a 13 pound catfish.

Last week it was noted that Elba native Bob Inman was being honored for one of his fiction novels. Now this week there is an article in the paper about Bob and wife Paulette being honored in their adopted home of Boone, NC. This is a great couple and they well deserve all the honors being bestowed upon them.

Saturday is Band Day in Elba. These folks have been planning this event since the last one a year ago. It is interesting and a bit exciting to discover exactly what they have in store for the traditional supporters and other visitors this time around. We will know Saturday morning . . . rain or shine.

The Alabama Legislature, or actually the state senate, is still locked in debate designed to prevent one bill from coming to a vote and probably passing. This bill triggers the "hot" button on lawmakers from both sides of the issue. The regular legislative session is rapidly drawing to a close (mandated by the state constitution) and interested parties are getting jittery about this inaction. The concern is undoubtedly not over this particular bill but the many others, major and minor, caught in the logjam behind a lone Senate bill, including the operating budgets. Failure to pass either of the main budgets will make it absolutely necessary for Governor Bob Riley to call an expensive special session of the legislature . . . to deal with the very same things they can't decide in this regular session. Of course some observers will try to tell us it is "easier" to pass these bills in a special session "because" . . . blah, blah, blah. Maybe that is why 18 state senators just didn't show up for work Tuesday morning of this week, resulting in a desperate situation, getting even more desperate. Now nothing but the two main budgets has much of a chance of passing this session . . . even if they somehow manage to get past the afore mentioned legislative logjam.

## Eubanks nominated for National Dean's List

Christy Eubanks, a drafting and design technology student at Lurleen B. Wallace Community College in Opp, was recently nominated for "The National Dean's List" for 2005.

"The National Dean's List" is the largest, most prestigious publication in the country dedicated to recognizing academic excellence among college students. This is an honor reserved



for only half of one percent of our nation's college students. Christy was also inducted into the National Technical Honor Society. The induction ceremony was held April 6, 2005 on the MacArthur Campus of LBWCC.

She is also a member of Phi Theta Kappa, an honor society for two-year colleges. After obtaining her AAS in drafting and design technology from LBWCC, Christy plans to transfer to Auburn University to pursue her B.S. in civil engineering from the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering.

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**RAISING FUNDS FOR RELAY FOR LIFE.**—SouthTrust Bank, Elba, has a silent auction going on. They began taking bids April 25, 2005, and will close the bidding May 10, 2005, at 2 p.m. At that time they will have the drawing for the 1/2 beef that they and other teams and individuals have been selling chances on for the past couple of months, closing out their fund raising for this year. SouthTrust has paintings, birdhouses, a treadmill, child's bike, and other items in the auction. They also have a large number of "good as new purses." MY OL PURSE IS YOUR NEW PURSE! for sale all for less than \$10 each. SouthTrust and other teams have been selling chances on a donation to The American Cancer Society and Mr. Ferrell Hudson of Elba Custom Meats is processing the meat as a donation also. Mr. Collier has also been making and selling blue bird houses as a fund raiser as well and has donated several of the items that the bank is auctioning off.

## CITY

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ranged from 3% up to 6% per KWH, based on the sales price of the power. The new plan sets the tax at a flat 3% of gross receipts, regardless of the sales price of the generated power, for the balance of the 30 years on the original March 1992 sales contract. Grimes told council members that Alabama Electric Cooperative, which is contracted to purchase the power from the hydroelectric dam, doesn't foresee any increase in the present contracted purchase price of the generated power in the near future.

City Clerk Wayne Grantham announced there will be a shut off of fresh water on Thursday, April 28th (today) shortly after 8 a.m. The outage will last for

about three hours. The area involved with basically be "New Town" and inside the levee. The purpose of the outage is to allow workers to connect the main water system to the new lines running from the well and tank located near Kelley Foods.

Grantham also said someone had taken three large air conditioners from the area of the old school used by the Elba Singles Club. He added that the City of

CCC used concrete slabs. Tindell estimated the cost of materials for this bridge replacement to run between

\$15-20,000. He said the equipment and labor costs should be approximately the same.

Although the bridge will remain a one-lane bridge, Tindell said it will be a concrete structure and would not burn.

Commissioners approved a resolution to allow Tindell to proceed with this idea. Tindell also asked commissioners for permission Monday morning for his department to assist the City of Elba with the installation of two pipes on the Flats Dirt Road. He said part of the road is in the city while the rest is in the county.

Tindell said the city will pay for the pipe but needs the county's assistance in installing it. He said the job should take three to four days.

Tindell explained that the road is called Flats Dirt Road for a reason, and water currently crosses the road in the places where the pipe is needed. He said county and city workers will need to build the road up over the pipe.

**TUESDAY, APR. 19** - River stage - 7.58 feet (7:38 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 2535 County Rd. 377 (6:13 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 2732 Hickman Ave. (8:13 p.m.); Burglary (in progress) reported at a trailer across from Dollar General (10:20 p.m.).

**WEDNESDAY, APR. 20** - River stage - 7.18 feet (7:00 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to an accident on Hwy. 125 (4:12 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 1222 Jones Circle (8:40 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1222 Jones Circle (8:48 p.m.).

**THURSDAY, APR. 21** - River stage - 6.99 feet (6:59 a.m.); Routine activity.

**FRIDAY, APR. 22** - Domestic disturbance reported at 1211 Caroline St. (6:19 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 1031 Guyton St. (10:20 p.m.).

**SATURDAY, APR. 23** - Disturbance (noise) reported in the area of Guyton St. and Plant Ave. (8:03 p.m.).

**SUNDAY, APR. 24** - Disturbance (noise) reported in the area of 609 Mullins Circle (12:55 a.m.); Burglary reported at 1203 Caroline St. (1:29 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 20801 Hwy. 84 W. (1:39 p.m.).

Late  
Obituary

## JUDY ELAINE SANDERS MORGAN

Ms. Judy Elaine Sanders Morgan, age 48, of Samson, Ala., died Monday, April 25, 2005 after a sudden illness.

The family will receive friends at Sorrells Funeral Home in Geneva, Ala., Thursday, April 28, from 6-8 p.m.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, April 29, 2005 at Lime Springs United Methodist Church with Rev. Jack Chancey & Rev. Curt McCollough officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery with Sorrells Funeral Home of Geneva directing.

Survivors include one son: Joshua Dewayne Morgan, Samson; four sisters: Patricia (husband, Edward) Driggers, Martha McCollough, Mary Rushing, all of Samson; and Peggy (husband, Edward) New, Elba, Ala.; two brothers: Dwight (wife, Babs) Sanders and David (wife, Jane Ann) Sanders, all of Samson.



**ROMULUS CIRONE** of Birmingham, Alabama, has accepted an appointment to the United States Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, New York, after graduating from Tarrant High School in May. He will report to the academy in July as a member of the class of 2009. RJ is the son of Emil and Cynthia Moore Cirone and the grandson of Robert and Sybil Hahn of Elba.

## GROUP

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Late last week, Harrison began organizing a concerned citizens meeting to be held at the intersection. Monday evening, April 25, the people of the community let it be known they are concerned about the safety of the intersection as approximately 50 people attended the meeting supporting the petition.

"I don't know what drove me to do this," Harrison said to those who assembled at the intersection Monday evening. "I've never been a public speaker. I just think it is time something is done."

She said she has four grandchildren that travel through the intersection twice a day and certainly is concerned about their safety, as well as, the safety of every person that travels through the intersection.

Harrison said if officials will provide the things asked for in the petition, she believes lives will be saved.

She said every person attending Monday evening's meeting has a purpose in mind, and based on conversations she had with officials earlier in the day, it appears the requests of the people will be considered and hopefully met.

"Maybe all of us can get the job done," Harrison said. "In fact, we didn't even have to meet to get things going. It's already moving."

Attend a church of your choice this Sunday!

## LIFESTYLES

NEW  
ARRIVAL

## MAKAYLEY ANN ODOM

Makayley Ann Odom was born Tuesday, March 22, 2005 at 12:03 a.m. at Enterprise Medical Center. She weighed 5 pounds 14 ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long. She is the daughter of Justin and Kasie Odom.

She is the granddaughter of James and the late Margaret Simmons of Elba, and Kenneth Odom of Elba and Terrie Reeves of New Brockton.

She is the great-granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Zingmeister of Cullman, Ala., Mrs. Pearl Simmons and the late Allen Simmons of Elba, Mrs. Alene Odom of Elba and the late James Odom of Elba, and Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Harbeck of Elba.



Miss Bethany Bedsole & Mr. Andy Burns

Miss Bedsole and Mr. Burns  
announce May wedding plans

Danny and Donna Bedsole of Dothan announce the engagement of their daughter, Bethany Bedsole of Dothan, Ala., to Andy Burns of Tuscaloosa, Ala., son of Kevin and Terie Burns of Tuscaloosa.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Frank and Mary Bryan of Opp, Ala. and O.C. and Ethelene Bedsole of Elba. She is a graduate of the University of Alabama where she received a degree in Management Information Sciences. He is also employed in Birmingham.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, May 7 at 1:30 p.m. at the Dothan Area Botanical Gardens. A reception will follow at the Dothan Area Botanical Gardens.

"Miss Sound of Music" beauty contest  
to be held at ZC

The Zion Chapel School Band will host the "Miss Sound of Music" Beauty Pageant on Friday, April 29, 2005 at 7 p.m. at the High School Auditorium. Categories include age 2 years to grade 12th. Winners will receive a \$50 U.S. Savings

## Southeast Ala Beekeepers Association to meet

The Southeast Alabama Beekeepers Association will hold its monthly meeting on the 12th of May 2005 at the Coffee



Reba Blissitte and Donna Clark

UDC welcomes  
new member

The General Edmond Winchester Rucker Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy welcomes newest member, Reba Blissitte as she receives her membership certificate from Chapter President, Donna Clark. Mrs. Blissitte's Great-Grandfather, George Washington Ramsey served the Confederacy in Company H of the 46th Alabama.

The UDC is America's oldest patriotic organization, and its chapters perform an educational memorial, benevolent, and historical service to their communities. The Rucker Chapter members represent the Coffee County area. Anyone interested in finding out more information about the UDC should contact Donna Clark at 897-2402.

McChis Lower  
Creek Tribe to  
meet May 1st

The McChis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama will hold a general membership on Sunday, May 01, 2005 at 2:00 PM CST at The New Brockton Senior Citizen Center, 130 Vester Cole Street, New Brockton, Alabama.

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## Inmans honored by Appalachian Alumni Association



Robert & Paulette Inman

Miss Taylor & Mr. Dodd to be united  
in marriage on May 21st

Donald and Robin Taylor of Dothan, announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter Lindsey Diane Taylor, of Dothan, to Kevin Gerard Dodd, son of Jim and Elaine Dodd of Elba.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Billy and Foye Baxley and Lucille Taylor, all of Dothan.

She attends Troy University where she is pursuing a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing. She is a member of Alpha Delta Xi, Sorority, Student Nurses Association & Order of Omega. She is working at a hospital in Dothan.

The future bridegroom is the grandson of the late Gerard & Arline Martin of Clearwater, Fla., and the late Neil Dodd of Tarpon Springs, Fla., and Yelma Cecil of New Port Richie, Florida.

He is a graduate of Troy University where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice with a minor in Military Science and is currently a 2nd Lieutenant in the Alabama National Guard. He is employed with an insurance company in Elba.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, May 21, 2005 at Grandview Baptist Church. All family and friends are invited to attend.

April is National Autism  
Awareness Month

April is designated as National Autism Awareness Month. According to the Centers for Disease Control, one out of every 166 children will be diagnosed with autism this year. Ten years ago, that number was more like one out of 10,000! It's important to learn the signs associated with autism and act early by contacting one's doctor or pediatrician when these signs are noticed in a child's development.

To celebrate Autism Awareness Month, the Autism Society of Alabama (ASA) is hosting a WALK FOR AUTISM on Saturday, April 30th from 9-11:30 a.m. throughout the state. Everyone is invited to attend. Incentives for raising money include visors, lanyards and beach mats! Registration is \$25 and includes a t-shirt for participating in the two mile walk.

The result of a neurological disorder, autism spectrum disorders (ASDs) interfere with the normal development of the brain in the areas that control verbal and nonverbal communication, social interaction, and sensory development. ASDs are four times more prevalent in boys than girls and know no racial, ethnic, or social boundaries.

The Autism Society of Alabama (ASA) is an association of parents, professionals, students, and others dedicated to raising the visibility of autism and broadening services for individuals who have autism spectrum disorders. The mission of the ASA is to improve the quality of life of persons with autism spectrum disorders and their families through education, advocacy, and support. ASA provides services of information and referral, parent support, advocacy, education and awareness, and collaboration for future planning.

Please call 1-877-4AUTISM or visit our website at www.autism-alabama.org for information on autism spectrum disorders and for information on walks in your area.

Job Fair scheduled at  
LBWCC-MacArthur

A Job Fair will be held at the Lurleen B. Wallace Community College - MacArthur Campus in Opp on Tuesday, May 3, 2005 from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. in the Conference Center Building. The Job Fair is open to the general public as well as LBWCC students.

Various groups will be present at the Job Fair. Representatives from local business and industry will provide information regarding job opportunities in the surrounding area. LBW Community College will provide information related to the programs offered by the institution on all three campuses - MacArthur, Andalusia, and Greenville. In addition, various other agencies will be present to provide information concerning benefits and services available.

Both LBW Community College and the Covington County Economic Development Commission encourage the public to attend the Job Fair and take advantage of this opportunity. For more information regarding the Job Fair, please contact Gail Trant at (334) 222-7040.

The Appalachian State University Alumni Association presented its Distinguished Alumnus, Young Alumnus, Honorary Alumnus and Outstanding Service awards during an awards luncheon on April 23.

This year's honorees were:  
\* Dent Miller, Distinguished Alumnus Award  
\* Scott Kelly, Young Alumnus Award

\* Bettye Bond, Outstanding Service Award  
\* Robert and Paulette Inman, Honorary Alumni Award

The Honorary Alumni Award was established in 1992 to recognize individuals who have given unselfishly of themselves to Appalachian State University but never graduated from nor attended the university.

Robert and Paulette Inman have been mentors, friends and advisors to Appalachian's students, faculty and administrators, and have given unselfishly of their time, talents and expertise to benefit the university.

Through her participation in the Walker College of Business's

Entrepreneur Summit, Paulette Inman has shared her business expertise as owner of two highly successful retail businesses with students, providing them with a real-world example of the skills needed to succeed as an entrepreneur. She also has served on the Walker College of Business Advisory Council, providing counsel and assistance in fundraising and serving as an advocate for the college.

Robert Inman has served on the Department of Theatre and Dance Advisory Committee, he has helped develop a partnership between Appalachian and the Blowing Rock Stage Company. Inman also contributed his time and creative talents to write the lyrics for a musical piece promoting the university and hosted UNC-TV's Appalachian Showcase. He also has served as a guest speaker for commencement, the Huguene B. Frank Visiting Writers Series and the Richard F. Barker Friends of the Library annual meeting.

The Inmans reside in Charlotte and Boone.

Deadline For Social  
News Is Monday!

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## SPORTS



Elba Tiger pitcher Steven Driggers gets ready to deliver a pitch last week in the Tigers' 6-1 win over Samson. Driggers allowed only 1 run and struck out 8 batters in the area win.

(Photo by Laura Basley)



If you are a dedicated turkey hunter as well as an avid crappie fisherman, you have a dilemma. The gobbles have really begun to sound off every morning and the crappie are spawning.

Crappie began to spawn in March and will continue to spawn into April, depending on the rise and fall of water temperature. A buddy and I found a hungry school at a friend's farm pond last week that has inadvertently become stocked with crappie. This is not an ideal situation as small ponds quickly become out of balance when crappie are introduced.

Crappie tend to congregate or school with other crappie of similar size. We were into a school consisting of smaller fish, but we did catch several of good eating size. They were hitting live minnows and a white jig with a pink body. We tried several other colors but they only had the hots for the white and pink combination.

Since a school of crappie is made up of fish of similar size, this means there are many different schools with fish ranging from juvenile to the two pounders. They also spawn at different times. The large females begin staging near the creek mouths in rivers and along the deeper water of the north side of a lake where the sun warms the water a bit faster. When the water warms enough, a crappie's instincts tell her it is time to spawn. Spawning for a particular size group may last a few days to a week, but it is soon over. This does not mean the fishing is over, though as other size class fish will be moving in to spawn. Also, the male crappie will hang around for two or three weeks to guard the eggs and small fry.

For those who don't want to be bothered with the smaller fish, baiting with large minnows or using large jigs will reduce the number of strikes by smaller crappie. After the spawn is in full swing, crappie can be caught on small popping plugs and small crank baits like the Rebel Crickhopper. Jigs with curly tails for added action are also deadly. It's a good idea to have a variety of colors in the same jig pattern, as they can be mighty finicky about color at times.

Crappie fishing is similar to bluegill fishing when it comes to equipment. It's hard to beat a 12-foot pole with a float, line and sinker, and hook baited with a minnow. Long rods and micro to medium sized spinning reels will enable one to get a little more distance, which is sometimes needed if fishing from the bank.

As far as deciding whether to turkey hunt or fish, a dedicated sportsman can do both. We didn't start catching crappie last week until 10:00 A.M. Why that even gives you time to have breakfast between an early morning turkey hunt and a late morning fishing trip.



Jr. Rayborn caught this 13-pound catfish while fishing at the Coffee County Lake.

### Close season with 10-9 record

## Tigers sweep past 'Brockton and Samson

The Elba Tigers hit the baseball field last week knowing it needed two area wins to keep its state playoff hopes alive and did just that as they defeated New Brockton 5-3 and Samson 6-1 to close out the season with a 10-9 record, 5-3 in area play.

"The players really played hard last week to keep any chance of the playoffs alive and are to be commended for winning the final two games and finishing in a tie for second in the area," stated Elba's Coach Wynn Grimes. "We are all disappointed that we missed the playoffs, but we tied for second with Geneva County and they beat us twice. So, they deserve to go as the runner-up team in the area. This team came a long way during the season and showed a lot of pride by winning its final two games. It was a special bunch to work with and I will always remember them for the hard work they put in to post a winning record."

Following are highlights of last week's games:

ELBA 5  
N.B. 3

The Elba Tigers scored three unanswered runs in the middle of the game to grab the lead and held on late to defeat the New Brockton Gamecocks 5-3, last Tuesday afternoon in Elba.

The Gamecocks came out ready to play and used two hits to grab a 1-0 lead in the top of the first, only to see the Tigers stage an early rally to pull even at 1-1 in the bottom of the frame. Clark Skinner reached on a two-out error to give the Tigers life and raced home when Adam Spicer delivered a clutch rbi single. Elba had a chance to add to its lead after a double by Chase Boutwell, but left both runners stranded and entered the second inning tied at 1-1.

Elba moved on top 2-1 in the bottom of the third on a lead-off single by Clark Skinner and an rbi single by Chase Boutwell, but this time it was New

Brockton's turn to rally and the Gamecocks did just that as they pulled even at 2-2 in the top of the fourth.

The Tigers regained the lead quickly, however, as they banged out four hits in the bottom of the fourth to grab a 4-2 advantage. Singles by Aaron Harrelson, Brad Sullivan and LaRay Williams to open the inning resulted in one run as Elba moved back ahead 3-2, while Sullivan crossed the plate on an rbi single by Clark Skinner and after four innings of play Elba was on top 4-2.

Ryan Gibbs singled and later scored on a Gamecock error in the bottom of the fifth to extend the Tigers' lead to 5-2, and the Tigers turned back a late New Brockton threat to escape with the 5-3 win.

LaRay Williams had 3 hits to lead Elba at the plate, while Clark Skinner added 2 hits and scored 2 runs and Chase Boutwell had 2 hits and collected 1 rbi. Also getting one hit were Marquize Tyson, Adam Spicer, Ryan Gibbs, Steven Driggers, Aaron Harrelson and Brad Sullivan. Clark Skinner got the win on the mound for Elba as he pitched seven innings and allowed 8 hits and one walk, while striking out 7 batters.

ELBA 6  
SAMSON 1

The Elba Tigers pulled ahead early and never looked back stage an early rally to pull even at 1-1 in the bottom of the frame. Clark Skinner reached on a two-out error to give the Tigers life and raced home when Adam Spicer delivered a clutch rbi single. Elba had a chance to add to its lead after a double by Chase Boutwell, but left both runners stranded and entered the second inning tied at 1-1.

Elba moved on top 2-1 in the bottom of the third on a lead-off single by Clark Skinner and an rbi single by Chase Boutwell, but this time it was New



Elba Tiger shortstop Aaron Harrelson moves up to field a grounder in the Tigers season ending win over Samson. Harrelson had 1 hit and an rbi in the area win.

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ered a two-run triple. Skinner later scored on an rbi single by Chase Boutwell and after three innings the Tigers were in command with a 4-0 lead.

Samson bunched two hits together in the top of the fifth to get on the scoreboard and cut the Elba lead to 4-1, but the Tigers weren't through and added a run of their own in the bottom of the fifth to move on top 5-1. A lead-off single by LaRay Williams ignited the Elba inning, and Williams scored one batter later when Clark Skinner ripped an rbi single to left field.

Ryan Gibbs scored the final Elba run of the game in the bottom of the sixth when he opened

the inning with a single and later scored on an rbi single by Aaron Harrelson, and Clark Skinner came in to pitch in the seventh and put the wraps on the 6-1 win.

Clark Skinner had 3 hits, scored 1 run and knocked in 3 runs to lead the Tigers at the plate, while LaRay Williams added 1 hit and scored 3 runs. Also getting 1 hit were Chase Boutwell, Ryan Gibbs, Aaron Harrelson and Brad Sullivan. Steven Driggers pitched six innings to get the win and allowed one run on seven hits, while striking out 8 batters. Clark Skinner pitched one inning and allowed no runs on one hit and struck out 2 batters.

### Improve record to 12-10

## Lady Tigers roll past New Brockton and Opp

The Elba Lady Tigers hit the field twice last week in high school softball action and posted two wins to up their record to 12-10 on the season.

Following are highlights of last week's action:

ELBA 11  
N.B. 1

The Lady Tigers used a big fourth inning at the plate to pull ahead and rolled to an 11-1 win over the New Brockton Lady Gamecocks, last Tuesday afternoon in Elba. Elba combined a lead-off single by Stephanie Baxley with three walks to score two runs in the bottom of the second to grab an early 2-0 lead, only to see the Lady Gamecocks cut the lead to 2-1 in the top of the third when Becky Baer singled and later scored on an error.

Back-to-back singles by Melanie Mularz and Stephanie Baxley enabled the Lady Tigers to up their lead to 3-1 in the bottom of the third, and the Lady Tigers then took command in the fourth as they combined 2 hits with 3 walks, 2 hit batters and 2 Lady Gamecock errors to plate seven runs and extended their lead to 10-1.

Stephanie Baxley and Krystan Parker both had two-run singles to highlight the fourth inning fireworks. Elba ended the game in the sixth when Ashley Carpenter reached on an error and later scored on a fielder's choice.

Stephanie Baxley had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and knocked in 4 runs to lead Elba at the plate and also got the win on the pitching rubber as she scattered four hits and struck out 10 batters. Krystan Parker and Kayla Miller both added 1 hit and scored 1 run, while Melanie

Mularz added 1 hit and Ashley Carpenter scored 3 runs. Hutcherson, Eaton, Adams and Baer all had 1 hit for New Brockton.

ELBA 4  
OPP 3

The Lady Tigers scored all their runs in the opening inning and made it hold up as they edged past the Opp Lady Bobcats 4-3, Thursday afternoon in Elba. The Lady Bobcats combined two hits with one walk and two Elba errors to grab an early 2-0 lead in the top of the first. However, the Lady Tigers were also ready to put runs on the scoreboard and combined two hits with one walk and two Opp errors to plate four runs in their half of the inning to move on top 4-2. Ashley Carpenter reached on a fielder's choice and Melanie Mularz followed with a one-out single to spark the Elba rally, while the key hit in the frame was a two-run single by Kayla Miller. Opp took advantage of two Elba errors to cut the Lady Tigers lead to 4-3 in the top of the second, but the Lady Bobcats managed only two more base-runners the rest of the game as the Lady Tigers held on for the narrow 4-3 win.

Melanie Mularz had 3 hits and scored 1 run to lead Elba at the plate, while Stephanie Baxley added 1 hit and scored 1 run and Kayla Miller had 1 hit and knocked in 2 runs. Stephanie Baxley got the win on the pitching rubber as she allowed three runs (no earned runs) on two hits and two walks, while striking out 12 batters. Archie had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead Opp.



Elba Lady Tigers second-baseman Haley Stinson is ready for action in a recent road win over New Brockton. The Lady Tigers will host the sectional tournament next week at the high school.

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## SPORTS

## Players shine as baseball and softball seasons continue at parks in Elba

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation continued its youth baseball and softball seasons last week with a number of players turning in outstanding performances for their teams.

Following are highlights of last week's action:

### DIXIE MINOR BASEBALL

**Marlins 11 NB Cardinal 1** - The Marlins scored early and often to roll past the New Brockton Cardinal 11-1. Justin Pope and Ashton Senn combined to pitch a 1-hitter and struck out 8 batters to lead the Marlins on the mound, while at the plate the Marlins were led by Jordan McDaniel with 2 hits and 3 runs scored. Ashton Senn with 2 hits and 2 runs scored, Garret Smith with 2 hits and 2 runs scored, Hayden Disotell with 1 hit and 2 runs scored, Justin Pope with 1 hit and 1 run scored, Hayes Spicer with 1 hit and 1 run scored and Logan Bailey with 1 hit. Brook Dunaway got 1 hit to lead the Cardinal and Dylan Clarke scored the lone run.

**NB Gray 11 Samson Gold 1** - The New Brockton Gray led all the way to roll past the Samson Gold 11-1. Hunter Winters and Boone Bryant combined to pitch a 1-hitter and struck out 9 batters to lead the Gray on the mound, while at the plate the Gray was led by Hunter Winters with 1 hit and 2 runs scored. Aubrey Bryant with 1 hit and 1 run scored, Jesse Watson with 1 hit and 1 run scored, Nathan Credille with 2 runs scored and Daniel Everhardt with 2 runs scored.

**Elba Reds 12 ZC Reds 4** - The Elba Reds pulled ahead early and never looked back to defeat the Zion Chapel Reds. Austin Johnson pitched a 4-hitter and struck out 14 batters to get the win on the mound, while at the plate the Reds were led by Harry Griffin with 2 hits and 1 run scored. Austin Johnson with 1 hit and 2 runs scored, Kyson Edwards with 1 hit and 1 run scored, Jon Ashley Amison with 3 runs scored and Nathan Miller with 2 runs scored. Dylan Mobley and Ryle Boswell both had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead Zion Chapel, while Ethan Lott and Jacob Golden both added 1 hit.

### DIXIE YOUTH BASEBALL

**Elba 8 New Brockton Cardinal 3** - Elba pulled ahead early and pulled away late to down the New Brockton Cardinal 8-3. Jantzen Flowers struck out 14 batters to get the win on the mound, while at the plate Elba was led by Jeremy Duncan with a home-run. Jantzen Flowers with 1 hit and 2 runs scored, Bo Wiggins with 1 hit and 1 run scored, Seth Hanchey with 1 hit and 1 run scored, Dylan Seay with 1 hit and Chase Sauls with 1 run scored. Brandon Farmer had 3 hits and scored 1 run to lead the Cardinal, while Adam Bryant and Brackin Hutto both had 1 hit and scored 1 run and Gabe Lindley added 1 hit.

**Samson Gold 12 NB Gray 6** - The Samson Gold staged a late rally to outscore the New Brockton Gray 12-6. Cory Dean and Trey Powell combined to pitch a 2-hitter and struck out 14 batters to lead the Gold, while at the plate the Gold was led by Trey Powell with 3 hits and 3 runs scored. Cory Dean with 3 hits and 1 run scored, Ethan Simmons with 1 hit and 1 run scored, Tyler Bowers with 1 hit and 1 run scored, Cole Dean with 1 hit and 1 run scored and Zack Day with 1 hit and 1 run scored. Matt Halstead and Josh McDaniel both had 1 hit to lead the Gray, while Cody Winters scored 2 runs.

### DIXIE BOYS BASEBALL

**Elba Gold 14 NB Gray 4** - The Elba Gold used a 10-run first inning to take command and rolled to a 14-4 win over the New Brockton Gray. Justin Mallory and Taylor Cotton combined to pitch a 1-hitter and struck out 9 batters to lead the Gold on the mound, while at the plate the Gold were led by A.J. Johnson with 2 hits and 2 runs scored, Colton Vaughan with 2 hits, Dylan McCollough with 1 hit and 2 runs scored, Bradley Wilson with 1 hit and 2 runs scored, Taylor Cotton with 1 hit, Jesse Dodd with 1 hit, Justin Mallory with 3 runs scored and Andrew Head with 2 runs scored. Chase Hendrix got the only Gray hit, while Keundra Edwards and Justin Griswold both scored 2 runs.

**ZC Red 8 Elba Black 2** - The Zion Chapel Red led all the way to post an 8-2 win over the Elba Black. Justin Winters and Ethan Mount both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead the Red, while Lance Walden and Ryan Hobart added 1 hit, apiece. Richard Cooks had 3 hits and scored 2 runs to lead the Black, while Michael Spurin added 2 hits and Brock Lambert, Aaron Drewery and D.J. McKee all added 1 hit.

**ZC Gray 17 NB Gray 1** - The Zion Chapel Gray scored almost at will in a 17-1 win over the New Brockton Gray. Robbie Thrash had 3 hits and scored 1 run to lead Zion Chapel, while Garrett Stinson added 2 hits and scored 3 runs and Joe Davis had 2 hits and scored 2 runs. Tanner Grant added 2 hits; Josh Dees had 1 hit and scored 3 runs; Daniel Powell had 1 hit and scored 2 runs; and Corey Snellgrove and Hayden Gibson both added 1 hit. Keundra Edwards had 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead New Brockton, while Seth Culverhouse, Justin Griswold and Sawyer Whitaker all added 1 hit.

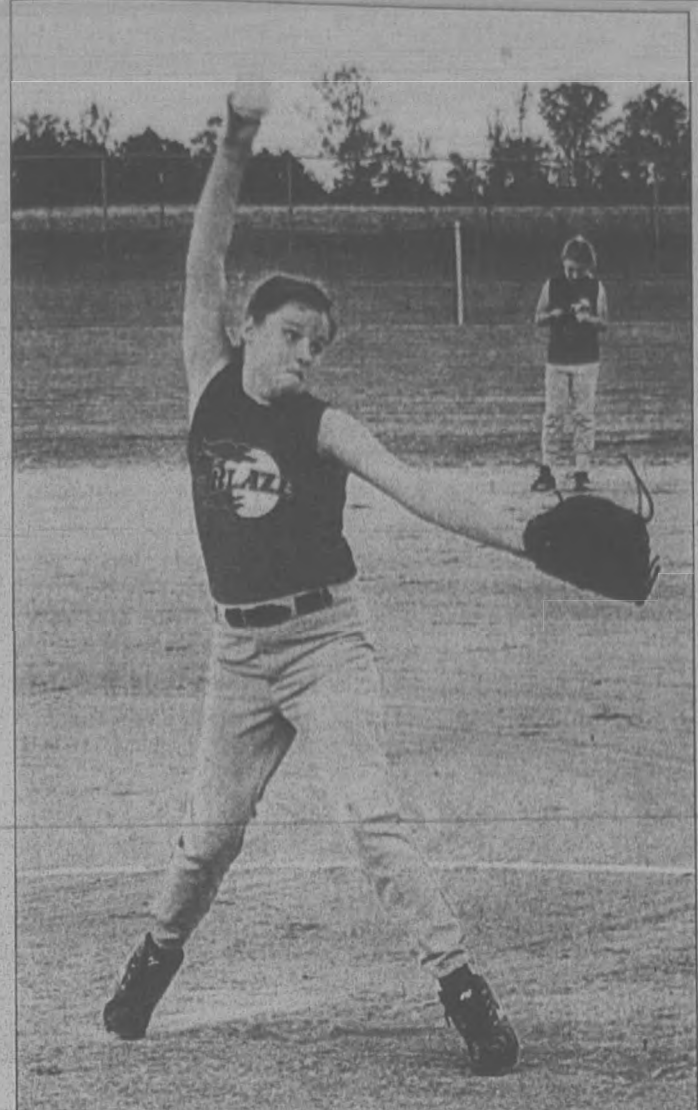
**Elba Gold 5 Brantley 3** - The Elba Gold rallied early to grab the lead and held on to defeat Brantley 5-3. Bradley Wilson had 3 hits, including a solo home-run, and scored 2 runs to lead the Gold at the plate, while on the mound Wilson scattered 6 hits and struck out 17 batters. A.J. Johnson, Colton Vaughan and Jesse Dodd all had 1 hit and scored 1 run, while Dylan McCollough and Justin Mallory both added 1 hit. Taved Hall had 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead Brantley, while Chase Hall added 1 hit and scored 1 run and Anthony Gulley, Steven Walker and Tori Upshaw all added 1 hit.

### COACH PITCH BASEBALL

**Cubs 22 Cardinals 9** - The Cubs scored runs in bunches to defeat the Cardinals 22-9. Cavosaa Stinson scored 4 runs to lead the Cubs, while Jordan Kidd, Stone Collins, Harley Sanders and Denzell Thomas all scored 3 runs. Jacob Smith and Trinton Smith scored 2 runs and scored 1 run were Shawn Carter and Troy Pank. DuQuan Jordan scored 2 runs for the Cardinals, while Braxton Robinson, John Morgan, Logan Davis, Chase Johnson, Kenneth Neil Amison, Tripp Hudson and Grant Akridge all scored 1 run.

### DIXIE PONYTAILS SOFTBALL

**ZC Gray 9 NB Gray 6** - The Zion Chapel Gray pulled ahead late and held on to edge past the New Brockton Gray 9-6. Sydney Williamson and Faith Ketchum both had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead Zion Chapel, while Camery Matthews and Kayla Ard both scored 2 runs. Dunaway, Stephenson, Crosby and Jones all had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead New Brockton, while Carter added 1 hit. **Elba Blues 7 ZC Red 4** - The Elba Blues jumped ahead early and held on late to sneak past the Zion Chapel Red 7-4. Lindsey Carnley pitched 6 innings and allowed no hits, while striking out 15 batters to get the win on the pitching rubber, while at the plate the Blues were led by Lindsey Carnley with 3 hits and 2 runs scored, Cortnee Driggers and Jacquetta Whitfield with 2 hits and 2 runs scored, Jamie Griggs with 1 hit and 1 run scored and Kella Miller, Sydney Crittenden and Caitlin Calhoun with 1 hit, apiece. Hillarie Davis and Kelli Behrens both had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead Zion Chapel.



Blaze pitcher Morgan Matthews gets ready to play as she throws a practice pitch in recent Dixie Angels Softball action at Hawkins-Williams Park.

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A New Brockton batter keeps his eye on the ball as it approaches the plate in recent Dixie Minor Baseball League action at Legion Field.

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A Kinston pitcher leaves the ground as she fires a pitch toward the plate in recent Dixie Angels Softball League action at Hawkins-Williams Park.

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Marlins pitcher Justin Pope delivers a pitch to the plate in Dixie Minor Baseball League action last week at Legion Field.

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### DIXIE ANGELS SOFTBALL

**Kinston 11 Elba Blaze 3** - The Kinston Trouble Makers scored runs in bunches early in the game to grab the lead and rolled to an 11-3 win over the Elba Blaze. Macie Sanders and Emily Mock both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead Kinston, while Hayden Harper added 2 hits and Arissa Davis scored 2 runs. Morgan Matthews had 1 hit and scored 2 runs to lead the Blaze, while Megan Concannon added 1 hit and scored 1 run.



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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA  
ELBA DIVISION  
CASE NO. PC-05-35

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Take notice that Letters Testamentary were granted to Robert R. King and Billy H. King, as co-executors of the Estate of Mary P. King, deceased, on the 7th day of April, 2005, by the Judge of Probate for Coffee County, Alabama.

Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Robert R. King  
Personal Representative

/s/ Billy H. King  
Personal Representative

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# SCHOOLS

## Journalism Member Spotlight

by Jennifer Grissett



This week's Journalism Spotlight is **Ashley Gibson**.

Ashley is the daughter of Gary Gibson and Renee Stinson. She is a senior and is involved in many activities and clubs at Elba High School. Some of these include: Senior Beta, Mu Alpha Theta, Student Council Representative, VICA, FFA President, and Elbala Editor.

When asked what she enjoys most about journalism, she replied, "Taking pictures and working on the yearbook."

Her hobbies and interests are riding four wheelers, shopping, and spending time with family and friends. After graduation, Ashley plans to attend college.

Congratulations, Ashley, on being this week's Journalism Spotlight!

## Elbala Yearbooks on Sale

The EHS Journalism Staff has started selling the 2004-2005 Elbala Yearbooks as of Monday, April 25, 2005. They are \$28 and will be on sale for two weeks.

Journalism members will come to elementary and high school students first thing each morning.

If anyone would like to purchase a yearbook, contact any journalism member or call (334) 897-2266.

Checks can be made payable to Elba High School.

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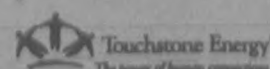


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## Tiger Tales

Editors:  
Casey Medlock &  
Kayla Kelley

## EHS Student Spotlight

by Kristi Spinks

This week's Student Spotlight is **Marquez Tyson**. He is the 18-year-old son of Effram and Bridgett Tyson.

Marquez is a very active member in VICA and the EHS football and baseball teams. He enjoys sports and having fun.

Marquez describes himself as fun, sexy, and a good role model to others. His future plans include joining the military and then going to college.

Congratulations, Marquez, and keep up the good work!



Marquez Tyson

## FFA members attend annual District Competition

by Ashley Gibson

On Friday, April 15, participating Elba FFA members traveled to Lurleen B. Wallace Community College in Andalusia to compete with schools throughout the south district.

The Ag Maintenance & Construction Team placed fifth in its competition and received a silver plaque. The Construction Team members are as follows: Ryan McCollough, Aaron Harelesson, Adam Spicer, Ben Coppage and Dustin Rhoades.

Also competing in district was the Elba FFA Quartet. The quartet placed second and will be traveling to Auburn this summer to compete at state level. The quartet singers are: Judson Vaughan, Brianna Bailey, Ashley Carpenter and William Carpenter.

Senior officers Ashley Gibson, Ashton Grimes and Kristi Spinks also supported the teams at the competition.

The FFA has had a wonderful year and has high hopes in attending state competitions this summer.

FFA advisor Mr. Waldorf supervised the trip along with the quartet director Nathan Carroll.

## Kindergarten registration set for May 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> at Elba Elementary School

On Thursday, May 5, and Friday, May 6, Elba Elementary School will begin registering kindergartners for the upcoming school year.

Enrollment will begin at 8 a.m. and conclude at 3 p.m.

In order to enroll, a child should be 5-years-old on or before September 2, 2005.

Children should bring an Alabama shot record, birth certificate, and social security card. Each child should attend enrollment with their parents. An informal evaluation will be completed this day on each child.

If you have any questions, please call Elba Elementary School at 897-2814.

## Ambassadors plan events to raise money for Relay for Life

by Casey Medlock

The EHS Ambassadors have teamed up with the Peoples Bank of Coffee County to help raise money for the Relay for Life organization, and the group is hosting two different events to help raise money for a cure for cancer.

On Saturday, April 30, the EHS Ambassadors will sponsor a 6K Run/Walk for the Relay for Life organization. The event will begin at 9 a.m. at Elba High School's Tiger Stadium.

Each participant must pay the entry fee of \$15 with all proceeds going to the American Cancer Society. Each participant will receive a free tee shirt and water bottle at the start of the race. While the first person to finish will be awarded \$25, it is to be known that this is not merely a race; anyone who wants to participate can. Running is not necessary.

EHS Ambassadors sponsor Mrs. Lynn Weeks encourages everyone and anyone to join in this 6K Run/Walk. Parents, teachers, students, anyone who is willing to help raise money

can join in!

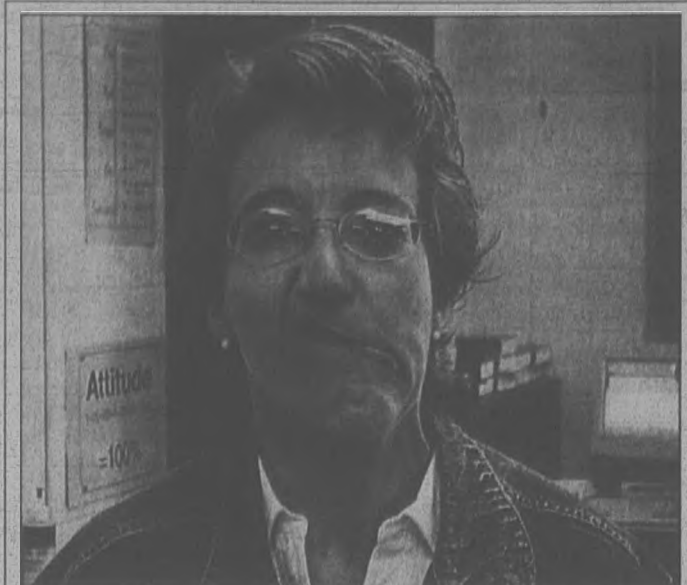
Then, at 6 p.m. Saturday, April 30, the "Miss Relay for Life" pageant will be hosted at the Elba High School Auditorium.

Anyone between the ages of 2 and 18 can participate, and there are seven different age divisions.

Late applications will be

accepted until the night of practice on April 28, but there will be a \$10 late fee.

There is also an optional "Most Photogenic Category" for each age division for an additional \$10, and this can also be paid up until the night of practice. Contestants interested must submit a photo no larger than 8x10.



PICTURE OF THE WEEK (by Kayla Kelley)...Sorry, we have a computer malfunction!

## Did You Know?

by Judson Vaughan

- One fourth of the world's population lives on less than \$200 a year.
- Ninety million people survive on less than \$75 a year.
- The sentence "the quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog" uses every letter in the English language.
- Hippopotomonstrosesquequipedaliophobia is the fear of long words.
- A snail can sleep for 3 years.
- You share your birthday with at least 9 million other people in the world.
- The average human eats 8 spiders in their lifetime at night.
- Donkeys kill more people annually than are killed in plane crashes.
- Only female mosquitoes bite.



Elba FFA members celebrate their good showing at the district competition.

## Band members participate in All-State band

by Elizabeth Weeks

On Thursday, April 14, two Elba band students, Robyn Hudson and Elizabeth Weeks, traveled to Auburn University to participate in the All-State Band Festival.

In late January, several students auditioned for places in the All-State Bands and for the district honor band.

The weekend consisted of all day rehearsals and a final concert on Saturday.

Everyone had a good time and did very well.



Robyn Hudson and Elizabeth Weeks

## E.E.S. Menu

May 2 - 6, 2005

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
<b>Monday</b> - Cinnamon Bun, Cheese, Cereal, Juice, Milk	<b>Monday</b> - Sloppy Joe, French Fries, Green Beans, 1/2 Apple, Milk
<b>Tuesday</b> - Pancakes/ Syrup, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk	<b>Tuesday</b> - Pizza, Corn on Cob, Broccoli w/ Cheese Sauce, Fruit Cocktail, Milk
<b>Wednesday</b> - Biscuit & Jelly, Patty Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk	<b>Wednesday</b> - Chili w/ Beans, Cheese Sandwich, Mixed Vegetables, Crackers, 1/2 Orange, Milk
<b>Thursday</b> - Popart, Cheese, Cereal, Juice, Milk	<b>Thursday</b> - Hot Dog, Potato Rounds, California-Style Vegetables, Ice Cream, Milk
<b>Friday</b> - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	<b>Friday</b> - Fried Chicken, Rice, English Peas, Roll, Fruit Cup, Milk

## EHS Band Day set for Saturday

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Other entertainment will include a performance by the elementary school band at 11 a.m. and the high school band at 11:30 a.m. During the high school band's performance,

the majorettes, colorguard and dance line will be featured.

The Miss Pea River queens will be presented at 12:30 p.m. and the Chair-tty auction will conclude at 1 p.m. as buyers are announced.

Bidding will be accepted up until 1 p.m. Barbecue plates can be picked up at the Elba Senior Citizens Center from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m., and extra plates are expected to be available.

Also available for purchase during band day will be home-made pies and other baked goods.

Games for children will be held throughout the day.

## AMP accepting applications for scholarship

Alabama Media Professionals (AMP) is accepting applications for its 2005 award. The competition is open to Alabama high school seniors and college students pursuing careers in journalism, communications, broadcast, web, or other media fields.

The winner will receive \$1,000. Application deadline is June 17, 2005.

Preference will be given to college sophomores and juniors, but others are encouraged to apply. Applicants must be enrolled in an Alabama school or an Alabama college/university (public or private), or legal residents of Alabama studying out of state.

For more information and applications, visit [www.alabamawriters.com](http://www.alabamawriters.com).

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# SCHOOLS

## Student Hi-Lite

by Emily Cain



This month the Student Hi-Lite is **Amber Dates**.

Amber is a senior and is truly an asset to BHS. She is a member of the FFA, FCA, Key Club, yearbook staff, newspaper staff, and treasurer of PCCLA. She also was drum major this year.

Good luck in the future, Amber, and congratulations on being this month's Student Hi-Lite.



Brantley School News

## Brantley Student Council holds introduction ceremony for '05-06

by Rashad Daniels

The Brantley Student Council had its introduction ceremony on April 14. The new officers for the 2005-06 school term are: Tyler Weaver, president; Jessica Daniels, vice-president; Becky Lester, secretary; and Amy Wicker, treasurer.

Among the items on the program President Rashad Daniels gave his outgoing speech and senior representatives and officers received special recognition.

New members include: Cynabiah Green, Candice Hamilton, Kelsey McCray,

Katressa Owens, Jonathan Austin, Brittany Ballard, Tereck Bell, Casey Free, Cressia Mitchell, Taronda Randall, Roy L. Knighten, Angel Hall, Dexter Daniels, DeAnna Sheridan, Stembille Lee, Chastity Booker, Megan Holmes, Nicki Bailey, Hillary Hudson, Austin Mitchell, Wesley Person, Beth Ann Tompkins, Deuce Donaldson, DeAnna Elliott, Joseph Gardner and Hasina Lee.

While fourth graders attend

## Key Club members help at annual Groundwater Festival

by Shane Haws

Crenshaw County's annual Groundwater Festival was held Friday, April 1, at the Board of Education office.

Brantley's fourth graders participated along with fourth graders from Laverne, CCA and Highland Home.

The purpose of the Groundwater Festival is to teach the fourth graders to "Conserve, Preserve and Protect" groundwater. Three activities they attended to learn more about groundwater were "Water Bracket," "Drop in a Bucket" and "Edible Aquifer."

The senior Key Club members were on hand to help present a certain activity or guide a class. Lance Morgan also dressed up as "Rudy Raindrop" to entertain the kids.

When the fourth graders left, the Key Club members were rewarded with a lunch of pizza and subs.



by Brittany Walker

THE BHS ANNUAL "BEAUTIES IN REVIEW" will be held on Friday, May 6, at 7:30 p.m. in the gymnasium. The theme this year is "Celebrate the Times." There are eight contestants this year, they are: (bottom, left to right) Destin Kilcrease, Casey Free, Desaray Hicks, Lynley Godwin and Natalie Garcia; (top, left to right) Brittany Ballard, Courtney Bailey and Tiffany Lester. The BHS ensemble will be providing entertainment during the pageant.

## Rebecca Jones selected as finalist for Miss Alabama Teen America pageant

Rebecca Jones, daughter of Don and Francine Jones of Opp, Ala., has been selected to be a finalist in the Miss Alabama Teen America pageant. She was chosen on her appearance and abilities.

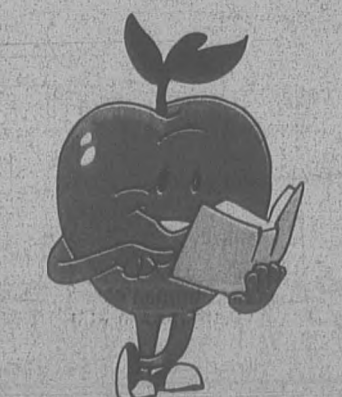
Rebecca is a ninth grade student at Brantley High School. Her activities include FFA, FCA,

FCCLA secretary and BHS colorguard. She attends Westview Baptist Church in Opp.

The pageant will be held May 28-30 at the Sheraton Hotel in Birmingham, Ala.

## Important Dates:

April 30 - Brantley Band Day  
May 3 - Band's Spring Concert  
May 4 - Awards Day  
May 6 - Beauty Pageant  
May 10 - Band Banquet  
May 11 - Seniors Last Day  
May 16 - Colorguard and Drum  
Major tryouts  
May 17 - High School Graduation



## Baseball team participates in Disney event

by Shane Haws

The Varsity Baseball team traveled to Orlando, Fla. to participate in Disney's annual Spring Warm-Up at Walt Disney World.

The team played other teams from New York, Washington D.C. and Texas. They even walked away as victors against the team from Washington, D.C.

The team, along with roughly 100 other Brantley residents, stayed at Disney's Wide World of Sports Resort and toured four theme parks during their stay.



2005 Brantley Bulldog baseball team and coaches

## College items 101 - a prerequisite for parents and freshmen

It's safe to say during a college freshman's first few days on campus, they'll encounter a few life-altering situations. On their own and away from the comforts of home, they'll be faced with an array of "real life" scenarios such as adjusting to different living arrangements, taking on additional responsibilities and meeting new friends. Handling these situations individually is stressful.

A way to lessen a student's stress during the first days of college life is to supply your child with objects that make new students feel comfortable in unfamiliar surroundings. Have your soon-to-be college student prepare a "needs" checklist. Together, review the list and decide which items are necessities. Next fill the list, pack the car and bring the products along with you to campus on move-in day. These items will help soothe the student's nerves and allow your son or daughter to easily adapt to the rapid changes of college life. To help get started, below is a list of products to consider when reviewing the student's "needs" checklist:

**Frames** - Stocked with photos of family and friends, frames can bring a touch of home to campus. Plus, pictures are a great icebreaker and conversation starter.

**Alarm Clock** - A battery-operated version might be helpful if the power goes out!

**Entertainment** - College isn't all about studying. DVD players, video game systems, televisions and stereos are popular fixtures in college dorm rooms.

**Mobile Media Storage Units** - College students frequently cross campus with CDs, DVDs and video games in hand. To safeguard these items from harm, a product such as Vaultz Secure Storage Solutions should be considered. Vaultz offers an array of sturdy, stylish carrying cases from media binders to CD wallets, as well as high-capacity CD file cabinets for desks and counter tops. Each Vaultz product has its own locking mechanism.

Laptop Computer - Laptops are a college necessity. For in-class note taking, conducting Internet research and e-mailing, a computer that travels will help students keep up with all daily activities.

**Personal Digital Assistant (PDA)** - One of today's most popular technology products, PDAs help students stay on schedule and manage their time and assignments. A large selection of PDAs can be found at Best Buy, Circuit City, OfficeMax, Office Depot and Wal-Mart locations.

**Kitchen Elements** - The cafeteria is not always open, so having appliances such as a microwave oven and mini-refrigerator in your dorm comes in handy. Plus, don't forget knives, forks and spoons.

As with any situation, if incoming college freshmen are comfortable with their surroundings, they'll adapt faster to campus life. And with comfort comes academic and social success.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

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The lucky person who casts the highest bid for this Elba Tiger chair will be revealed at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 30, during Band Day 2005.

## Band Day

### Schedule of Events:

10:30 a.m. - Jail for Bail begins  
11:00 a.m. - Elementary Band performance  
11:30 a.m. - High School Band performance

Majorettes  
Colorguard  
Danceline  
12:30 p.m. - Presentation of Miss Pea River Queens  
1:00 p.m. - Chair Auction

\*\* Barbecue Plates can be Picked Up from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Elba Senior Citizens Center \*\*  
Extra Plates will be Available!!

## MOTION

(Continued from Page One)

commission ask the Alabama Department of Transportation to place a caution light at the intersection of Hwy. 194 and county roads 603 and 545. He added that the county will pay half the expense of installation.

The motion received a second from Commissioner J.L. Weeks.

A question surfaced regarding exactly what the state is willing to do and pay for such endeavors. Stephens said he tried to get a definite answer prior to the commission meeting, but Monday was a state holiday and he could not reach any officials.

Commission chairman Doug Daley offered a motion to table Stephens' motion until the commission knows what the state will do. He received a second from Commissioner Jim Thompson. The motion to table passed with a 4-2 vote.

Commissioners Stephens and Linda Westbrook voted against tabling. Commissioner Tom Grimsley was not present for the meeting.



New Brockton Elementary School recently celebrated paternal involvement by encouraging students and parents to participate in the 2005 Statewide Family Poster Contest. This contest is an awareness campaign to get families and educators thinking and talking about the importance of parent and family involvement in helping children to be successful in school and in life. Annaley Padgett was the winner at the elementary level. Annaley received a DVD player for her winning poster. Her poster will now go on to compete in the system contest. The winning poster from the system contest will compete in the statewide contest. Annaley is in Mrs. Mobley's kindergarten class.

## Troy King reports theft conviction of former state employee

Attorney General Troy King, announced the conviction of a former employee of the Alabama Department of Public Health for second-degree theft of property from the state agency. Penny Strickland, 36, of Skipperville, pleaded guilty before Dale County Circuit Judge Kenneth W. Quattlebaum.

Strickland had been employed by the Alabama Department of Public Health's Home Service Program in Dale County, responsible for providing home services to a number of elderly and shut-in clients.

From October 2003 through June 2004, Strickland falsified 46 daily service reports, claiming to have performed 111 hours of home services for 8 clients, thereby obtaining \$671.55 in pay to which she was not entitled.

"As Attorney General, my foremost commitment is to protect the most vulnerable members of our society, and to vigorously prosecute those who would prey upon them," said Attorney General King. "This defendant was entrusted with the care of the elderly and sick, and she exploited that trust at the expense of her employer and the taxpayers of Alabama, and worst of all the expense of the sick and elderly who desperately need services provided through the Health Department."

After accepting Strickland's guilty plea, Judge Quattlebaum sentenced her one year and one day imprisonment, which was suspended for two years supervised probation. Strickland was also ordered to make restitution to the Department of Public Health.



These chairs and fire extinguisher lamp are a small sample of the many items being sold through the "Chair-ity" Auction held each year during Band Day. The uniquely decorated items were donated to help raise funds for the Elba band program. Several of the donated items are currently being displayed at The Peoples Bank. All other items will be displayed on the square Saturday during Band Day, and interested buyers have until 1 p.m. Saturday to cast their bids.

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